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A copy of all bids submitted to the Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Supporting Local Business category by the closing date on 11th July at 12 noon.

In respect of the bids submitted to the Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Supporting Local Business category by the closing date on 11th July at 12 noon, the identified levelling up issue each application is tackling and the evidence of need provided.

The anticipated outcomes for under-represented groups as detailed in the bids submitted to the Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Supporting Local Business category as at the closing date on 11th July at 12 noon.

The criteria applied to assess each bid, how systematically these criteria were applied, any scoring matrix produced as a result.

The organisations comprising the Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Supporting Local Business category assessment panel,

Any notifiable interest raised by those organisations,

The process applied to identify and address any notifiable interests,

Any organisations involved in the assessment panel or process which have projects proposed for funding,

The total amount of funding proposed for organisations involved in the Edinburgh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Supporting Local Business category assessment panel or process.

Not all bids which were ultimately recommended for funding would be implemented in their entirety as some were only recommended for part funding, or funding with caveats. Negotiations are still ongoing with those bidders and, we are therefore unfortunately unable to provide copies of the grant applications or their anticipated outcomes.

The summary description for each application and the proposed Interventions they sought to address was included in the Report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 4 August 2022:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s47589/7.2%20UK%20Shared%20Prosperity%20Fund.pdf> (appendix 2 and 3).

The report also outlined the members of the scoring Panel and the process for assessing the applications (4.7-4.10). Each member of the panel completed a Conflict of Interest form prior to the assessment and did not participate in the scoring or discussion around the applications where a (potential) conflict was identified.

As outlined in the Report, bids were assessed against the criteria established through the call for applications with the below consideration points given to Panel Members as a guide in order to score each section (scores are considered the individual opinion of the panel members and therefore not public information that can be shared):

<b>Section 1 – Project Summary</b>
<b><i>Selection of outcomes and interventions:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Does the proposal clearly define the Interventions they wish to address, from the menu of options?</li></ul> <b><i>Detailed description of proposed activity and services:</i></b>

- What is the level of contribution to an articulated Investment Priority identified in the Prospectus?
- Is delivery clearly linked to the selected Interventions?
- Is there evidence of demand and/or need?
- What is the extent to which the project demonstrates innovation in service delivery?
- Does the project represent an efficient mode of delivery, taking account of the level of innovation proposed?

#### **Timelines**

- Does the proposal clearly indicate timelines and methods of delivery?
- Is there a reasonable exit strategy in place?

### **Section 2 – Project Impact**

#### ***Please consider the proposal's overall contribution to the strategic objectives of the Council's Business Plan and the Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan***

- Does the proposal clearly identify the outcomes they wish to target based on local context?
- Has any community engagement taken place?
- How well does the proposal contribute to local needs set out in relevant local plans? What evidence is there of local support?
- To what extent can the project inform UKSPF through transferable learning or opportunity to scale up for local partners and UK Government?
- Does the proposal indicate how the project will collaborate with other places in the delivery of specific interventions – for example with neighbouring places, or with places across the UK with common needs or challenges?

#### **Equalities Impacts**

- How well has this been considered and impacts addressed?
- What are the protected characteristics groups identified?

#### **Outcomes and Outputs**

- Is the UKSPF Indicative Deliverables EDINBURGH spreadsheet completed?
- Do the stated outputs reflect the project activities and are they achievable?

### **Section 3 – Funding Package**

#### ***Please consider the overall effectiveness of the proposal including monitoring and evaluation plans, the project budget and proposed outputs.***

- Has the UKSPF Expenditure Profile EDINBURGH spreadsheet been completed?
- Does the project budget reflect the stated activities? Is the budget reasonable in the light of the activities?
- Has an effective monitoring and evaluation strategy been identified?
- Will it operate at an appropriate scale, providing good value for money taking account of proposed outputs delivered and potential impact?
- Is there match funding?

### **Section 4 – Risk Management**

#### ***Please consider the overall efficiency of the proposal, including project risks, and financial due diligence where required.***

- Does the applicant (and delivery partner(s) where relevant) have relevant experience in delivering projects of this type?
- Does the applicant have in place the resources necessary to deliver the project, including any match funding?
- Are the milestones realistic and is the project deliverable within the stated timescale?
- What is the risk that the project will not proceed in line with the stated timescales or budget?
- What is the risk that the project will not achieve the stated outputs and results?

- Would the project not proceed, or could only be delivered on a smaller scale without UK Shared Prosperity Fund support?

It should be noted that, alongside this individual project assessment, the group assessed the package of projects to ensure a fair and appropriate distribution of funding across all three of the SPF themes. Specifically, although some of the applications may have been mainly focussed on one of the themes, there may have been provision for them to also provide support under one of the other themes. Projects focussing on supporting people into employment, for example, may also support people into self-employment and therefore also operate under the 'Supporting Local Businesses' theme even though the initial focus is 'People and Skills' theme.

Once all the grants (and corresponding reporting requirements etc) have been agreed we will take a report to Committee setting out the final grants programme, which will be including an overview of each project and their expected outcomes. This is currently scheduled for taking to Committee on 1 December and will be available on the website.